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Reply to Office Action dated June 15, 2005

### REMARKS

Claims 2, 17, and 18 have been amended, and claims 1, 7, 13, 16 were previously cancelled. No new matter has been added. Therefore, claims 2-6, 8-12, 14, 15, and 17-19 remain pending for prosecution.

On August 4, 2005, Susan Reinecke conducted an interview with the Examiner on behalf of the Applicant. During that interview, the claim rejections under 35 USC §101 and §112 second paragraph were discussed. Although no agreement was reached regarding allowable claims, the Examiner did indicate that if the rejections under §112 second paragraph were overcome, she would look favorably at allowing the application. Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for this interview.

1. Rejection of Claims 17-19 under 35 USC §101

The Examiner has rejected Claims 17-19 under 101 as being drawn to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 17-19 have been amended to claim a "universal meta model implemented on a computer readable medium or in a computer memory."

According to the MPEP:

"...a claimed computer-readable medium encoded with a computer program is a computer element which defines structural and functional interrelationships between the computer program and the rest of the computer which permit the computer program's functionality to be realized, and is thus statutory." MPEP § 2106 IV.B.(a) (emphasis added).

Because claims 17-19 recite a meta model implemented on a computer readable medium or in computer readable memory, they claim statutory subject matter. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

2. Rejection of Claims 2-6, 8-12, 14, 15, and 17-19 under 35 USC §112, Second Paragraph

The Examiner has rejected claims 2-6, 8-12, 14, 15, and 17-19 under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. More specifically, the Examiner notes that the limitation "such that editing, testing and execution environment can be created for independently-conceived meta modes" in each of the independent claims merely recites an intention, not an

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actual operation. In addition, the Examiner states that it is not understood how "a universal meta model" recited in the preamble of claim 2 relates to "independently-conceived meta models" at the last line of claim 2.

The preamble of independent claims 2, 17, 18, and 19 have been amended to more clearly recite that the universal meta model is "for creating tools for other meta models," thus indicating how the universal meta model relates to other meta models. In addition, the limitation of "means for interpreting said edit commands and executing valid edit commands" has been amended to more clearly indicate that the "means" is for "interpreting said edit commands, identifying valid edit commands, and executing valid edit commands." Further, the limitation "such that editing, testing and execution environment can be created for independently-conceived meta modes" has been deleted from claims 2, 17, 18, and 19.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

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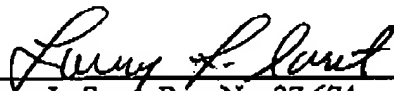
### Conclusion

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth in this Amendment and Response to Office Action, it is respectfully submitted that the Pending Application, including claims 2-6, 8-12, 14, 15, and 17-19, is in condition for allowance. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the foregoing amendments be entered, and the Pending Application be promptly allowed.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if such contact would in any way facilitate and expedite the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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